

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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## **Labor Day Weekend Emphasis Patrols**

Washington State Patrol troopers will be out in force for the Labor Day weekend. Emphasis patrols will be held from September 1 through September 4. Troopers in Snohomish, Skagit, Island, and Whatcom County will be focusing on aggressive drivers, DUI, speed, and people not wearing their seat belts. Funding from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission will allow additional troopers to work the emphasis patrols.

“This is the last major holiday weekend for families to go on vacation before the kids have to go back to school,” Captain James Lever stated. “We know that traffic will be very heavy and people will be out enjoying themselves. We want to remind people that our troopers will be out working hard in an effort to make this a safe holiday weekend.”

The Washington State Patrol reminds motorists to watch their speed, wear their seatbelts, and don’t drink and drive. Speed, impaired drivers, and drivers not wearing their seat belts are three of the biggest causes of motor vehicle fatalities in Washington State.

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